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News from the FLEET,
Being a Full and Impartial
A C C O U N T,
O F A
Most Signal Victory,
Obtained by
Admiral Killegrew,
O V E R T H E
French Thoulon Fleet.
Commanded by
Monsieur Chaften Regnaut.

16. June. 1690. In a Letter to a Person of Quality.

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Worthy Sir,

GOOD News, at all Times, I know is very acceptable to You from Credible Strangers; and if so, doubtless much more grateful from a Friend; and such a Friend too, that would neither Deceive You, nor the Publick, for the highest Temporal Advantage: I know the *Dignity of Truth* is lost by many Asseverations; I shall therefore say little more

than this, (seeing you thoroughly know me,) That the following Account of the late Sea-Fight with the *French Thoulon Fleet*, I here send you, is nothing but what I my self was both an Eye and Ear-Witness to the Truth of; and you shall (God willing) have a farther Account of it, in my next Letter: But for the present, take what follows:

We

We having receiv'd an *Express* that advised us of the *Departure* of the French Squadron out of *Thoulon*, under the Command of Monsieur *Chasten Regnant*, which consisted of four First Rates, and Five Second Rate Men of War, and two Fire-ships; who said, the Wind being contrary, they were forced to come to an Anchor in *Gibraltar*, within four Miles of *Centa*, not being able to get out of the Narrow of the *Straits*: Upon which the Vice-Admirals *Killigrew* and *Allemond*, with Rear-Admiral *Evertson*, weigh'd Anchor, with Ten *English* and *Dutch* Men of War, and two Fire-ships to join the other Six Men of War that lay at *Gibraltar* perdue for them, and so attack them: They having a fair Wind, happily came up with the Six Men of War aforesaid, just as they got sight of the French Fleet: The French steered away at the sight of our Fleet, as fast as could be; but perceiving our Fleet was resolved to pursue and fight them, they at last made up to us with a seeming Gallantry; upon which, Admiral *Killigrew* gave the Signal of Battle, and followed it himself

with an undaunted Courage and Resolution: And after a long and sharp dispute on both Sides, we took Three French Men of War, which we have sent up to *Gibraltar*: We have also sunk two of their best Ships, and are still in pursuit of the rest: Admiral *Killigrew* was Engaged, in this great Action in the *Duke*, against Monsieur *Chasten Regnant*, four Hours or more.

Sir, I hope to give you a further Account of the remaining shattered French Fleet, in a short time, our Fleet being well Manned, Admiral *Killigrew* having got on Board the Fleet Six Hundred Volunteer Sea-men, out of the Merchant-Men in *Gales Road*. This in haste is all at present, from

Your Cordial Friend,

N. R.

There is lately publish'd, *A New Discovery of the Horrid Association and Conspiracy of the Papists in Lancashire, to raise War and Rebellion in the Kingdom of England, during the Absence of King William in Ireland. In a Letter of Instructions from a Roman Catholick of great Quality, in London, to a Papist Mutineer in Lancashire. Printed for Jonathan Greenwood.*